GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION LIMIT ON CRACKERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has given directions to cracker manufacturers that the noise and air pollution limit on each cracker should be printed from November 1, 2000;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure compliance of the directions;

(c) whether the fireworks and cracker manufacturers are despatching more quantity to the wholesalers in the country much in excess of the licence quantity; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check this violation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (Dr. Raman Singh)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Explosives has introduced additional conditions in the licence form prohibiting manufacture of fireworks exceeding the prescribed noise level as per Notification No. GSR 682(E) dated 5.10.99 to ensure compliance with the Delhi High Court directives.

(c)&(d)The manufacturers are not sending consignment of fireworks/crackers more than the licensed capacity to the wholesalers. Under the rules excess storage of manufactured fireworks is permitted upto 125. By charging prescribed fees and then issuing temporary permits. Regular inspections are carried out in the licensed premises by District Administration, Police Authorities and officers of the Department of Explosives. If any violation is noticed action for suspension/cancellation of licence is taken as per Explosives Act, 1884 and Explosives Rules, 1983.